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Dear USDOJ,

I am a 22 y/o IT professional currently working for a small business as a webmaster for there company and a network administrator for them as well. Recently I have switched from Microsoft Windows to a more stable system Linux. The reason for my switch is due to the lack of enforcement of Microsoft's Monopoly and also due to the fact that linux is much more stable than Windows ever will be. I feel that Microsoft should be stopped from continuing to release game boxes and updates to there OS until this suite gets settled. I also feel that simply donating operating systems to schools is a waste of what really needs to be done. Donating systems does give our children a chance to learn computers but when all of the systems being donated have Windows on them, it doesn't really give our youth a look at what else is out there. As a key principle in our lifestyle/nation to have the ability to make an educated decision. I feel that if any money should be spent, it should be spent on other companies systems not there own. In other words, if MS is forced to donate anything it should not be there OS. I feel that all of there money spent on donations of there OS should go to other OS manufacturers and that those manufactures should then donate there software to schools. I also feel that MS should be forced to free up the code behind there OS. Having there OS code readily available allows IT professionals like me, to be able to go in and modify the system to suite our individual needs. Right now as there systems stand, the only thing you can really do is add on to the system and change minor things. Microsoft's systems don't allow you to remove any of there proprietary software. Also with MS's latest software release not only continues to have all of there proprietary software, but it invades your privacy. Whenever a user logs onto the internet it activates MS Messenger which sends data back to microsoft about your machine. However, when you connect it automatically takes you to msn.com which forces you to register with them. By registering with them, they then have all of your personal information. (IE Credit card number, name, phone number and address.) My last key point is whenever a consumer goes to purchase a computer at most any store, they are not given a choice of what operating system to purchase. Most 90% of the time users are forced to purchase a MS operating system. This needs to change. Retailers need to be required to have at least a quarter of the store in other operating systems. If this was done users would then be able to make educated decisions on what systems to purchase. Thank you for your time! I hope you take this seriously in your decision!

Sincerely,

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